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SUBJECT: ALLEGED TREASURE TROVE IN PHILIPPINES

1. WASHINGTON POST APRIL 4 CARRIES JACK ANDERSON COLUMN
STATING STATE DEPARTMENT HOLDS DOCUMENTS AND TAPES WHICH
INDICATE THAT PRESIDENT MARCOS HAS MAPS LOCATING ESTIMATED
DOLS 100 BILLION WORTH OF WORLD WAR II BOOTY BURIED IN
PHILIPPINES BY JAPANESE ARMED FORCES. FULL TEXT CARRIED IN
WIRELESS FILE.

2. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED BUT SUBJECT
DID NOT ARISE AT APRIL 4 NOON BRIEFING.

QUOTE

SUBJECT: THE PHILIPPINES - TREASURE TROVE

Q: IS JACK ANDERSON'S ALLEGATION TRUE THAT THE STATE
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DEPARTMENT IS SITTING ON DOCUMENTS REVEALING THE EXISTENCE
OF A VAST TREASURE TROVE IN THE PHILIPPINES?

A: CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND TAPES WERE PROVIDED TO THE
DEPARTMENT AND THEY ARE BEING STUDIED.

Q: IS IT TRUE THAT MARCOS HAS DUG UP AND STORED DOLS

14 BILLION WORTH OF GOLD?

A: THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT ABLE TO CONFIRM OR DENY THE
ACCURACY OF ANY OF THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THE DOCUMENTS.

Q: DOES THE DEPARTMENT INTEND TO QUERY THE PHILIPPINE
GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THESE REPORTS?

A: NO. THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN NO VIOLATION OF ANY
U.S. LAWS AND NO ACTION BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT APPEARS
TO BE CALLED FOR.

Q: WHO SUPPLIED THE DOCUMENTS AND TAPES?

A: I CAN'T COMMENT ON THAT.

Q: WHAT IF ANYTHING DOES THE DEPARTMENT INTEND TO DO
WITH THIS MATERIAL?

A: I HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THAT. AS WE SAID, THE
MATERIAL IS UNDER STUDY. VANCE

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